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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

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Renee L. Harmon)
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(Name of the plaintiff or plaintiffs))

v.

Nancy A. Berryhill)
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Acting Commissioner of the)
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Social Security Administration)
(Name of the defendant or defendants))

CIVIL ACTION

1:19-cv-01602**Judge John Robert Blakey
Magistrate Mary M. Rowland****COMPLAINT OF EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION**

1. This is an action for employment discrimination.
2. The plaintiff is Renee L. Harmon of the
county of COOK in the state of Illinois.
3. The defendant is Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of SSA., whose
street address is 6401 Security Boulevard, Suite 900 Altmeyer,
(city) Baltimore (county) _____ (state) Maryland (ZIP) 21235
(Defendant's telephone number) (410) - 965-9000
4. The plaintiff sought employment or was employed by the defendant at (street address)
600 W. Madison Street (city) Chicago
(county) COOK (state) Illinois (ZIP code) 60661

5. The plaintiff [*check one box*]

- (a) ☐ was denied employment by the defendant.
- (b) ☒ was hired and is still employed by the defendant.
- (c) ☐ was employed but is no longer employed by the defendant.

6. The defendant discriminated against the plaintiff on or about, or beginning on or about,
(month) may, (day) 9, (year) 2015.

7.1 (*Choose paragraph 7.1 or 7.2, do not complete both.*)

(a) The defendant is not a federal governmental agency, and the plaintiff [*check one box*] ☐ *has not* filed a charge or charges against the defendant ☐ *has* asserting the acts of discrimination indicated in this complaint with any of the following government agencies:

- (i) ☐ the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, on or about
(month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____.
- (ii) ☐ the Illinois Department of Human Rights, on or about
(month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____.

(b) If charges *were* filed with an agency indicated above, a copy of the charge is attached. ☐ YES. ☐ NO, **but plaintiff will file a copy of the charge within 14 days.**

It is the policy of both the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Illinois Department of Human Rights to cross-file with the other agency all charges received. The plaintiff has no reason to believe that this policy was not followed in this case.

7.2 The defendant is a federal governmental agency, and

- (a) the plaintiff previously filed a Complaint of Employment Discrimination with the defendant asserting the acts of discrimination indicated in this court complaint.

[If you need additional space for ANY section, please attach an additional sheet and reference that section.]

☒ Yes (month) June (day) 23 (year) 2015

☐ No, did not file Complaint of Employment Discrimination

(b) The plaintiff received a Final Agency Decision on (month) _____
(day) _____ (year) _____.

(c) Attached is a copy of the

(i) Complaint of Employment Discrimination,

☒ YES ☐ NO, but a copy will be filed within 14 days.

(ii) Final Agency Decision

☐ YES ☐ NO, but a copy will be filed within 14 days.

8. (Complete paragraph 8 only if defendant is not a federal governmental agency.)

(a) ☐ the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has not issued
a *Notice of Right to Sue*.

(b) ☐ the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has issued a
Notice of Right to Sue, which was received by the plaintiff on
(month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____ a copy of which
Notice is attached to this complaint.

9. The defendant discriminated against the plaintiff because of the plaintiff's [**check only those that apply**]:

(a) ☐ Age (Age Discrimination Employment Act).

(b) ☐ Color (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 42 U.S.C. §1981).

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- (c) ☒ Disability (Americans with Disabilities Act or Rehabilitation Act)
- (d) ☐ National Origin (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 42 U.S.C. §1981).
- (e) ☐ Race (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 42 U.S.C. §1981).
- (f) ☐ Religion (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
- (g) ☐ Sex (Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
10. If the defendant is a state, county, municipal (city, town or village) or other local governmental agency, plaintiff further alleges discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 1983).
11. Jurisdiction over the statutory violation alleged is conferred as follows: for Title VII claims by 28 U.S.C. §1331, 28 U.S.C. §1343(a)(3), and 42 U.S.C. §2000e-5(f)(3); for 42 U.S.C. §1981 and §1983 by 42 U.S.C. §1988; for the A.D.E.A. by 42 U.S.C. §12117; for the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 791.
12. The defendant [*check only those that apply*]
- (a) ☐ failed to hire the plaintiff.
- (b) ☐ terminated the plaintiff's employment.
- (c) ☐ failed to promote the plaintiff.
- (d) ☐ failed to reasonably accommodate the plaintiff's religion.
- (e) ☒ failed to reasonably accommodate the plaintiff's disabilities.
- (f) ☒ failed to stop harassment;
- (g) ☒ retaliated against the plaintiff because the plaintiff did something to assert rights protected by the laws identified in paragraphs 9 and 10 above;
- (h) ☐ other (specify): _____
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13. The facts supporting the plaintiff's claim of discrimination are as follows:

The Social Security Administration has not processed my claim for workers' compensation benefits. I injured myself in a slip and fall at work on May 9, 2015. The Department of Labor is responsible for making workers' compensation decisions for the Social Security Administration. The Department of Labor accepted my claim on July 8, 2015. As of this date of filing, workers compensation claim has not been processed.

14. **[AGE DISCRIMINATION ONLY]** Defendant knowingly, intentionally, and willfully discriminated against the plaintiff.

15. The plaintiff demands that the case be tried by a jury. ☒ YES ☐ NO

16. THEREFORE, the plaintiff asks that the court grant the following relief to the plaintiff
[check only those that apply]

- (a) ☐ Direct the defendant to hire the plaintiff.
- (b) ☐ Direct the defendant to re-employ the plaintiff.
- (c) ☐ Direct the defendant to promote the plaintiff.
- (d) ☐ Direct the defendant to reasonably accommodate the plaintiff's religion.
- (e) ☒ Direct the defendant to reasonably accommodate the plaintiff's disabilities.
- (f) ☒ Direct the defendant to (specify): pay all lost wages beginning May 12, 2015 through current, including the 2 month

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Suspension and pay pain and suffering.

- (g) ☒ If available, grant the plaintiff appropriate injunctive relief, lost wages, liquidated/double damages, front pay, compensatory damages, punitive damages, prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest, and costs, including reasonable attorney fees and expert witness fees.
- (h) ☒ Grant such other relief as the Court may find appropriate.

(Plaintiff's signature)

Renee L. Harmon

(Plaintiff's name)

Renee L. Harmon

(Plaintiff's street address)

2036 W. Maypole Ave

Apt. A

(City) Chicago (State) Illinois (ZIP) 60612

(Plaintiff's telephone number) (773) - 444-8877

Date: 3-6-19